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SUBJ: SHOOTING IN CULIACAN OF NATIONAL COORDINATOR OF THE
CAMPAIGN AGAINST DRUGS.

1. ON MARCH 14, MAZATLAN'S "NUEVO DIARIO" PRINTED AN ARTICLE
STATING THAT LIC. CARLOS AGUILAR-GARZA, NATIONAL COORDINATOR
OF THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST DRUG TRAFFICKING, HAD BEEN SHOT IN
THE LEG THE PREVIOUS EVENING IN A NIGHT CLUB IN THE MAIN
DOWNTOWN HOTEL IN CULIACAN AND THAT NO ONE HAD BEEN ARRESTED.

2. ON THE SAME DAY, LOS MOCHIS' "EL DEBATE" STATED THAT THE
NATIONAL COORDINATOR AND THE PRESIDENTIAL GUARDS, WHO HAD BEEN
IN TOWN IN CONNECTION WITH THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT, HAD HAD A
SHOOT-OUT OVER A WOMAN. THE ARTICLE COMMENTED THAT AFTER A
HEATED ARGUMENT AND EXCHANGE OF BLOWS BETWEEN AGUILAR-GARZA
AND A MEMBER OF THE PRESIDENTIAL GUARD THAT BOTH THE FEDERALES
AND THE PRESIDENTIAL GUARD MEMBERS DREW THEIR PISTOLS AND
STARTED SHOOTING IN THE CROWDED NIGHT CLUB. THE ITEM STATED
THAT PANDEMONIUM BROKE OUT, AS PEOPLE STARTED RUNNING FOR THE
ONLY EXIT; INSOFAR AS IS KNOWN, NO BYSTANDERS WERE INJURED BUT
BOTH LIC. AGUILAR-GARZA AND AN UNAMED MEMBER OF THE PRESIDENTIAL
GUARD WERE WOUNDED. LIC. AGUILAR-GARZA WAS TAKEN TO THE SOCIAL
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SECURITY HOSPITAL FOR TREATMENT AND THEN TO HIS HOME BY MEMBERS
OF HIS OWN GROUP.

3. REPORTERS HAVE STATED THAT THEY WERE MET WITH A WALL OF SILENCE
WHEN THEY ATTEMPTED TO OBTAIN OFFICIAL INFORMATION. THEY STATED,
HOWEVER, THAT THEY HAD VISITED THE NIGHT CLUB AND HAD SEEN
MEMBERS OF THE STATE JUDICIAL POLICE DIGGING HIGH CALIBER BULLETS

OUT OF THE WALLS. REPORTERS ALSO STATED THAT WHEN THE INCIDENT
OCCURRED, THE MUNICIPAL POLICE WERE CALLED BUT WERE REFUSED ENTRY
BY THE FEDERAL JUDICIAL POLICE.
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